

## **Nomination Statement for Traceé Cunningham, Counseling Division**

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Throughout her 7 years as an at Foothill College, Traceé Cunningham has continually committed herself to serving students and shown her commitment to education.

Traceé has served as a mentor, leader, and confidant to her students as both an Academic Counselor and through her work with learning communities, such as Umoja and Puente. Having served as a faculty Student Mentor with Umoja, I have seen first-hand Traceé's commitment to student success. It is through these professional and student activities that Traceé has continually empowered the students of Foothill College to thrive, grow, and build community with each other and as individuals.

Traceé's outreach and proactive nature has helped foster a welcoming and inclusive campus life. Her efforts have created a genuine sense of belonging and community for all students. Having seen her leadership within Foothill's Honors Institute has shown her commitment to provide opportunities for all students to have the support and resources so that they may excel in the classroom, advance the next level, and push themselves within the world of academics.

During her tenure at Foothill, Traceé has also served on the Academic Senate. While representing her respective division and colleagues, Traceé has been instrumental in Senate decision making. While serving on Academic Senate with Traceé I have witnessed her steadfastness providing feedback on challenging topics about equity and inclusion, as well as seen how her insight has often allowed her colleagues to see opinions from multiple perspectives and viewpoints. Traceé has taken leadership several times to compose resolutions that positively effect academic policies and procedures at Foothill.

It is for these reasons that I am happy and honored to nominate Traceé Cunningham for The Hayward Award for "Excellence in Education".